

# how to: be rich

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## Real Life

1 TIMOTHY 6:19 (P. 831)

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### Review

- I am rich because God has blessed me.
- I will not trust in my riches but in the One who richly provides.
- I have what I have so I might do good.

IN PAUL'S COMMANDS TO RICH PEOPLE, HE HAS ONE LAST THING TO SAY.

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...to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. **In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.**

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Trusting God, doing great good, and being generous...

- are a guaranteed **investment** for **eternity**.

ILL: I'M STARTING TO WORRY ABOUT RETIREMENT // IS IT ENOUGH? IS IT SAFE? • SHORT-SIGHTED!!  
HOW CAN PAUL CLAIM THAT? HE'S JUST REPEATING A LESSON FROM JESUS; WE'LL GET TO THAT

- are the pathway to **true life**.

ILL: THE LIFE WE PURSUE ISN'T TRUE LIFE // FAKE, EMPTY, OR DEAD.  
MORE MONEY => BETTER [MEDICINE, FOOD, HOUSE, EDUCATION] => BETTER LIFE

## Luke 12:13-34 (p. 727)

vv. 13-15

Jesus: life doesn't consist in an abundance of **possessions**.

I WILL NOT TRUST IN MY RICHES...

vv. 16-21

Jesus: he is a fool who isn't **rich** toward **God**.

I HAVE WHAT I HAVE SO I MIGHT DO GOOD // JESUS DOES NOT THEN TALK ABOUT DOING GOOD

vv. 22-32

Jesus: being rich toward God depends on **trusting** Him to provide!

ILL: THE LADY ASKED ME FOR A COUPLE BUCKS, AND I IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT IN MY HEART \$20.

vv. 33-34

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